



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St Mary's Catholic Junior School. For those families with children returning to school, we hope that you has a restful and enjoyable time together in the Summer Holiday. It was a delight to welcome the children to school on Tuesday morning and to see their enthusiasm and energy.

It has been a busy summer behind the scenes and there are lots of exciting plans for the children for this year.

### Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) report

On Tuesday the report was published following our Catholic Schools Inspection in July. We are delighted to report that our school was rated as 'Good' in each of the three categories, and overall. Parents were informed on Wednesday by text that the report is available on our school website (see the address in the header) by navigating to 'Trust Information' then 'RE Inspection'. The report is titled '**St Mary's Juniors CSI 2024**'.

If you require a paper copy, please collect one from the school office.

Additionally, a digital copy is included in this mail-out.

I would like to thank all colleagues for their dedication to the religious life of the school and creating a beautiful, prayerful atmosphere for the children.

### Welcome

On Monday we welcomed Mrs Brenda Springer to the teaching staff. Mrs Springer will be working with the children on Mondays and Tuesdays during PPA time. She is looking forward to meeting all of the children next week.

### Reminders and updates for 2024

- Don't forget that as well as all the digital communications that you receive, there is a noticeboard outside the reception area where the newsletter is always displayed, as well as the Gospel for the forthcoming Sunday. The Gospel is also in display in the School Hall all week for the children.
- Please make sure that we have the correct mobile / cell phone numbers on record in the School Office as SMS is a common method of contacting groups of parents quickly.
- I frequently share ideas and information with you all via the Head of School Blog, which is on the website. It can be found under the tab 'Junior School Information'. The last piece published is about Catholic Social Teaching, from the Summer Term. More content will appear each half term.
- We have a new service provider for our kitchen. The entire service is now provided by **Nourish**, a respected partner in the industry. The new menu is available on our school website under the tab 'School Menu'.

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### In memorium

Please remember Mr Melville Wheatley in your prayers. Mr Wheatley was the husband of Mrs Patience Wheatley, a long time servant of the school in our kitchen. I was privileged to be able to attend Mr Wheatley's requiem mass at St Mary's on Tuesday. Please remember Patience and her family in your prayers. May his soul; and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. ✝

### Head Prefects and School Council for 2024-25

Today the children of Year 6 heard speeches from fifteen of their peers and then took part in a ballot to elect two Head Prefects for this year. The results will be shared with the school in assembly on Monday. Individual classes have now also completed voting for our representatives for the School Council, and these will also be announced on Monday.

### Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to all of Year 3, Nikola in 4D, Anushik in 4T, Aleksandra in 5B, Yusuf in 5C, Margaux in 6G and Harrison in 6P. The swimmer of the week is Ian in 5B. The Head of School's award goes to in Rene in 4D.

I wish you a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald  
Head of School

#### Health Advice for parents

##### Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

**When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.**

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